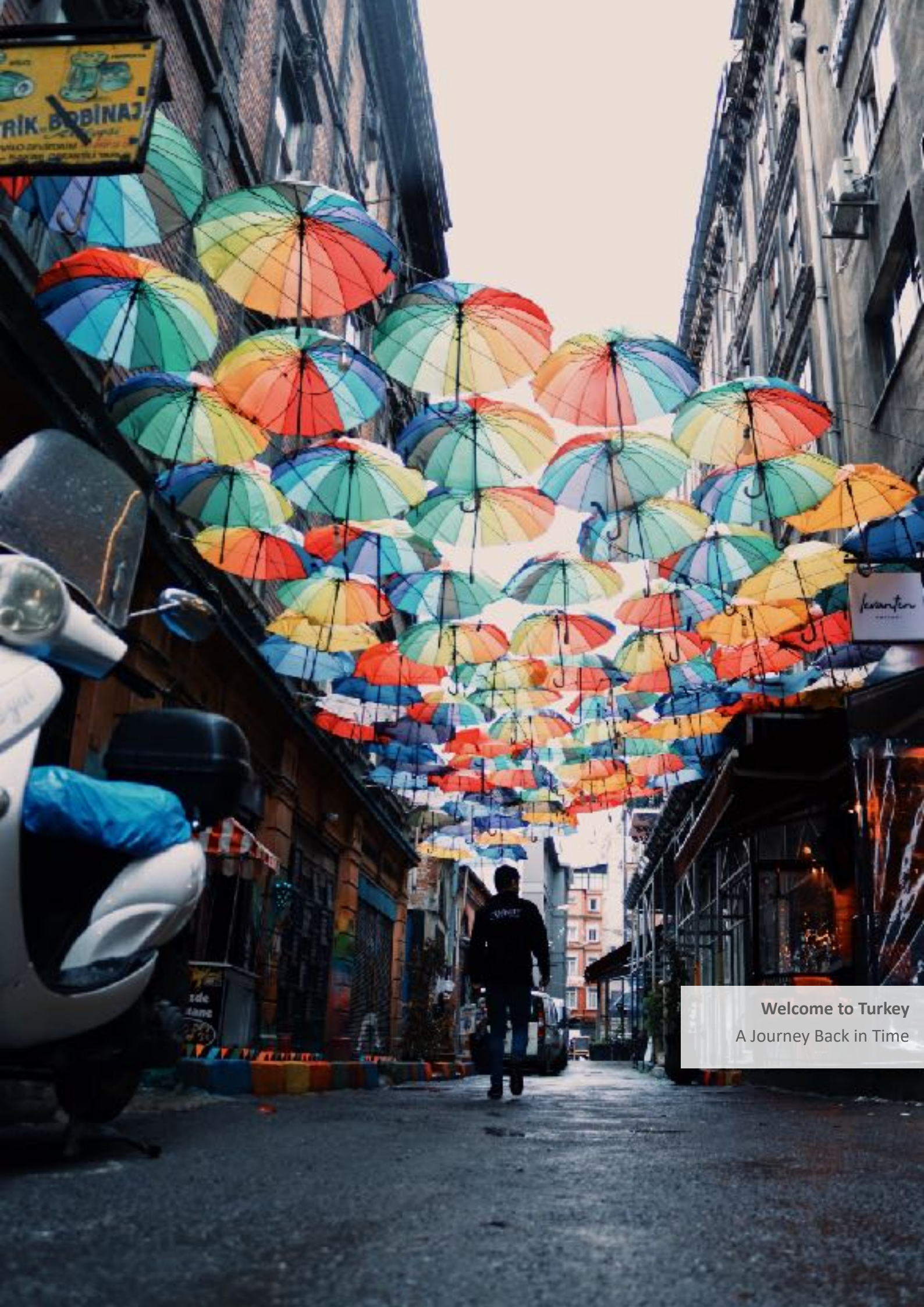


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A Journey Back in Time

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Luxury Destination Management Company

As we have evolved as a company, we have come to realise that our love lies not in booking tour packages, but in showcasing the unique experiences across the nations we serve. We realised that there are many secret corners of our world, rare moments, mysteries and stories.

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THIS IS THE PLACE
THIS IS TURKEY

TURKEY

IT ALL STARTS WITH MERHABA

With its feet firmly planted on two continents, Turkey is the epitome of a cultural melting pot, a blend of the best that Europe and Asia have to offer. Iconic Istanbul, straddling the Bosphorus, is a twisty mix of winding bazaars, mouth-watering cuisine and thousands of years of history.

Explore the remnants of the Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman empires while enjoying privileged access to the city on an after-hours tour of the renowned Hagia Sophia, the sixth-century Basilica Cistern or magnificent Topkapi Palace.

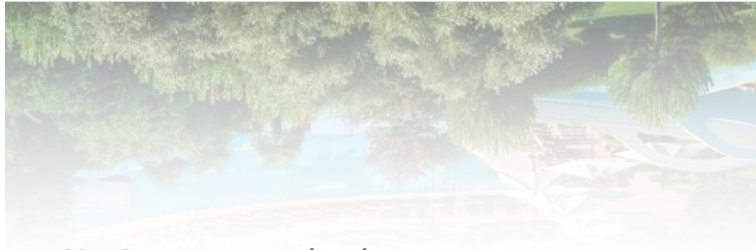
From a street vendor's hot, fresh corn to the just-caught-and-grilled herring in a Michelin-starred restaurant; from soaring mountains to white-sand beaches and crystal-blue water; from a whirling dervish performance to a serene Turkish bath, this magnificent country of cultures will inspire and delight.

Let us show you Turkey's many sides in unparalleled comfort and luxury.



Cornelia Diamond Golf Resort

With amazing pool facilities such as an aqua park and 8 pools, the Cornelia Diamond is right across the beautiful Iskele Mevkii beach. It has a 250-metre-long private beach.



Six Senses Kaplankaya

Located in Milas in the Aegean Region, 84 km from Bodrum City, Six Senses Kaplankaya boasts a spa centre. The resort has a sauna and fitness centre, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant.



Four Seasons Bosphorus

East meets West and history meets whatever is coming next at Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus. In this modern, resort-like hotel crafted from a private, 19th-century pasha's getaway, gaze under huge skies from the indigo water's edge to the misty hills of Asia.

Raffles Istanbul

Raffles Istanbul offers a new level of luxury with amazing views above the Bosphorus. Located on the European side of the city, the hotel has excellent transport links to everywhere from the Old Town to the Bosphorus, allowing guests to fully experience everything Istanbul has to offer.



Gloria Golf Resort

Offering extensive and one-of-a-kind facilities specifically tailored for kids and young guests, Gloria Golf Resort comes with a mini club equipped with movie screening sessions and variety of board games. You will find pools for children.



Wyndham Grand Levent

Wyndham Grand Istanbul located on Levent where the heart of business district in the city is. The hotel offers you to enjoy the fantastic view of Istanbul and location advantage of being close to numerous shopping malls and restaurants.





Melas Resort Hotel

Located in Side, 200 metres from Kumkoy Beach, Melas Resort Hotel provides accommodation with a restaurant, free private parking, an outdoor swimming pool and a fitness centre. Among the various facilities of this property are a bar, a shared lounge and a garden.

Porto Bello Hotel Resort & Spa

This luxurious 5-star resort is located on Konyaalti Beach and near the bustling centre of Antalya. It has an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a modern spa.



Kaya Palazzo Golf Resort

Riu Kaya Palazzo Golf Resort, the new address of luxury and glory in the most popular holiday destination of Turkey, has opened its doors to guests in July 2013 at facilities including a 3,500 square meter spa center, sea-view rooms, a mini club.

Calista Luxury Resort

Calista Luxury Resort has created the most unique hotel experience in the world, placing itself at the top of the list of luxury resorts, both in Turkey and in the world. Calista Luxury Resort has emerged with a unparalleled conceptual design.



Club Mega Saray

Located on the seafront, Club Mega Saray offers a private sandy beach with a jetty, 5 outdoor pools, 3 water slides and spa facilities. Featuring a modernised Seljuk architecture, this eco-friendly property has air-conditioned rooms with a balcony.

Gloria Serenity Resort

Gloria Serenity Resort promises exceptionally peace and harmony as well as a luxurious vacation & makes your dream of an extraordinary holiday become reality. Experience in balance, sea, sun and all the comforts and luxury of Gloria Serenity Resort and become a part of these wonderful memories.





The Bodrum EDITION

Set on Yalikavak Bay overlooking to Turkish Riviera, The Bodrum EDITION houses a unique, state-of-the art spa facility complete with Turkish Hammam, salt treatment room, sauna, steam room, plunge pool and 14 tranquil treatment rooms that offer world class treatments.



Baia Lara Hotel

Featuring a private sandy beach area and a wooden pier, this extensive hotel offers wide outdoor pools, Aqua Park with 9 slides and a heated indoor pool. Spa and sports facilities are all available. Antalya Airport is only 15 km from Baia Lara Hotel.



IC Hotels Residence

IC Hotels Residence, the hotel of Special Category, offers full A La Carte Services, free airport transfers, free room services & opportunity to use all facilities of IC Hotels Green Palace free of charge, for the guests who wants to enjoy exclusive holiday in the private villas surrounded by luxury gardens of Antalya.

Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum

A stunning resort overlooking the Aegean Sea, Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum is where dreams come true. With a range of twelve gourmet restaurants and bars, 2 beaches, relaxing spa and choice of rooms, suites and villas, our unique resort is world-class.



Adam & Eve - Adult Only

Welcome to Heaven on Earth - Adam&Eve Hotel! Adam&Eve Hotel “special class” category and calls itself as “without star” with designing awards. Our understanding of service and holiday are also different just like our another features. Holiday at Adam & Eve is “designing high level creative vacation” which working for the highest satisfaction of our guests.



Ela Quality Resort Belek

Ela Quality Resort Belek has a beachfront location among 15 golf courses in Belek, one of the finest international destinations for golf. Offering extensive and unique facilities specifically tailored for kids, Ela Quality Resort Belek comes with a mini club equipped with security cameras, movie screening sessions and variety of board games.





Kaya Belek

Situated on the seafront, Kaya Belek offers a 300-metre long private beach. The hotel has 2 outdoor pools, a heated indoor pool, children's pool and 5 water slides. There is also a spa centre with a sauna



Caresse Resort & Spa, Bodrum

Set sail to turquoise bays, taste the south Mediterranean Turkish cuisine, flash back to centuries and explore the historical sites of Bodrum. Everyone would find a piece for themselves nightlife, silence & peace, treatments are awaiting you here.



St. Regis Istanbul

Capture possibilities at The St. Regis Istanbul, where timeless glamor and modern innovation meet. Nestled by the cosmopolitan Nişantaşı district, our 5-star luxury hotel offers Istanbul's best address, surrounded by designer boutiques, luxury fashion brands, local eateries and European edifices of the Art Deco & Art Nouveau eras.

The Bodrum by PHR

Nestled along an exclusive beach on the coast of Bodrum, The Bodrum by Paramount Hotels & Resorts offers scenic views of the azure Aegean Sea. The resort is set on one of the most spectacular bays of the peninsula in Zeytinlikahve Mevkii, covering 110,000 square metres.



Argos in Cappadocia

Argos in Cappadocia, where you can embrace all the colors of the seasons as you rest your mind in its magical atmosphere, offers a very special accommodation package for its distinguished guests and their families throughout the year with meticulous attention to detail.

Amanruya Bodrum

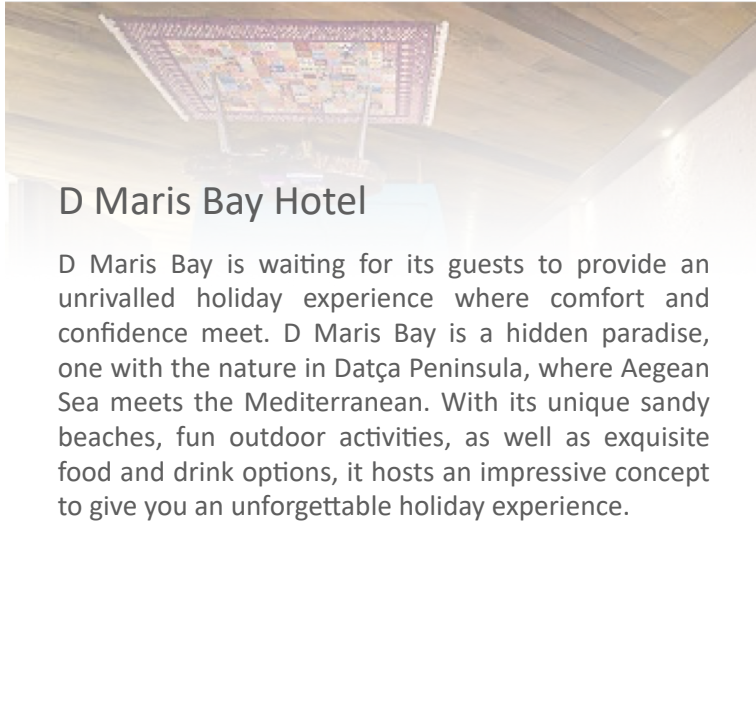
The turquoise Aegean laps Amanruya's private pebble beach, while ancient pine forests scent the air. Resting amid olive groves and cypress trees on the Bodrum Peninsula's serene north coast, the village-like resort is a secluded retreat offering an abundance of space and privacy in free-standing guest pavilions, all with private pools.





Ariana Lodge

Located on the top of Uchisar Valley, Ariana Sustainable Luxury Lodge offers you a completely unique perspective of Cappadocia; a land that witnessed the rise of the first civilisations in world history. Luxury suites are exquisitely decorated with an inviting ambience to transform your stay into a one of a kind experience. All of our suites offer the perfect blend of contemporary comfort and luxuriously appointed style.



D Maris Bay Hotel

D Maris Bay is waiting for its guests to provide an unrivalled holiday experience where comfort and confidence meet. D Maris Bay is a hidden paradise, one with the nature in Datça Peninsula, where Aegean Sea meets the Mediterranean. With its unique sandy beaches, fun outdoor activities, as well as exquisite food and drink options, it hosts an impressive concept to give you an unforgettable holiday experience.



Kempinski Barbaros Bay

Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay Bodrum, a luxury 5 star resort set on the cliffs of pristine Barbaros Bay, invites you to experience the best of European Luxury in a picturesque setting where excellent leisure facilities mingle with a symphony of flavours. Other Hotels in Turkey:

- Istanbul - Ciragan Palace Kempinski
- Belek - Kempinski The Dome

Intercontinental Istanbul

Five-star ambiance and best place in the heart of the Istanbul. InterContinental Hotel Istanbul is the ideal base from which to explore this Ottoman capital city's endless historic sites, museums, restaurants, clubs and shops.

Located in Taksim, commanding stunning views of the Bosphorus, Taksim, skyline of İstanbul and the Blue Mosque, the hotel is in a short walk from Dolmabahçe Palace and İstanbul Congress Center. Our attentive staff will also point out your desired places.



JW Marriott Istanbul

Located in eclectic Karaköy with a timeless past and rich future, JW Marriott Istanbul Bosphorus takes inspiration from its Bohemian surroundings including boutiques, cafés, cocktail bars and artisanal markets. Equidistant from İstanbul's two major airports and situated next to Galataport with a cruise terminal, the hotel welcomes guests in the idyllic location for both

Rixos Hotels

The Rixos Premium Belek is set amongst a pine and walnut forest on the shores of the Mediterranean coast. Belek's endless sandy beaches and beautiful scenery create a destination full of natural beauty on the Turkish Riviera. Rixos Premium Belek is at the centre of historical, cultural and natural beauties from the Taurus mountains to ancient ruins and national parks. Guests can while away the hours by the pool or head out for a day of cultural sightseeing and adventure.





AEGEAN REGION

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SHADES OF BLU

Discover the pristine beaches surrounded by olive groves, magnificent coastline, great cities, lovely landscape, steep crags and pine woods. Immerse yourself in the Aegean's beautiful nature and feel that you are alive.

Aegean Region

Turkey's Aegean region, which is the starting point of the world maritime history, is one of the oldest settlements of humanity.

Come, let us go to the Aegean region, to witness lovely shores embracing the sea, to feel nature with its most beautiful shades of blue and green, to search for the traces left in this area by multi coloured ethnic cultures and innumerable civilisations, to enjoy a holiday in modern and comfortable establishments.

Where to go

Are you ready for your next unforgettable vacation and tracing a civilisation from the Ionian to Lycia? Idyllic bays, traces of ancient history, fresh herbs, sunlight reflecting from the water waves, leisure and cultural activities.

Situated in the western part of Turkey, Aegean region has great cities with full of attractions and activities for visitors to explore. Most of the destinations are concentrated on the coastline because of its convenience for sea transportation and tourism.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Aegean region; Izmir, Mugla, Aydin, Denizli, Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kutahya, Usak.

Aegean Cuisine

Known all over the world for olive oil dishes, Aegean cuisine invites you for a special dining adventure full of unique tastes. It adds a different savour to Turkish cuisine with its special salads, delicious desserts, vegetable dishes, kebabs, seafoods and snacks.

Shadow of Antiquity

Aegean is a region of Turkey in the shadow of antiquity. Once upon a time, witnessed to the birth of western civilisation, the shores of the Aegean are the most beautiful places to enjoy long stretches of great sandy beaches nestled against green hillsides in Turkey.

Towns: Akyaka, Bodrum, Dalyan, Datca, Didim, Gocek, Fethiye, Kusadasi, Marmaris, Koycegiz, Yenipazar, Alacati, Cesme, Foca, Seferihisar, Urla.

Things to Do and See

Whatever the reason why you have gone to the Aegean, you will find something enjoyable. You can experience diving, surfing, sailing, skydiving, water skiing, underwater fishing and angling, or enjoy thermal waters that have been used for therapeutic purposes for centuries.

You can see the ancient ruins which are like an open air museum, and trace humanity's journey of faith by visiting the sacred sites of many different religions.

You can hop on a boat and take a journey in the deep blue waters of the Aegean, or experience an adrenaline rush with the nature sports such as hiking, climbing, caving and rafting.



MEDITERRANEAN REGION

PARADISE AMONG THE ORANGE GROVES

Mediterranean is just like a true holiday paradise with its unique climate, picturesque nature, modern cities and accommodation facilities, fine sandy beaches, blue cruise routes and countless antique cities.

Mediterranean Region

Ready to dive into a limitless treasure? Turkey's Mediterranean region is a true holiday paradise on earth with its climate offering four seasons, long fine sandy beaches, blue cruise opportunities, picturesque nature, orange groves, countless ancient cities paying witness to the history of these lands and modern accommodations.

The region is a fast growing tourism market for all sorts of holiday seekers.

Where to go

Mediterranean, which has some of Turkey's most popular holiday destinations, is a region full of inspirations about its wonderful cities.

Antalya is the tourism capital of Turkey. Burdur is a great attraction known for its beautiful lakes, carpets and rugs.

Mersin is a sun-kissed city with its natural beauty and excellent beaches besides its historical and cultural wealth. Adana is the land of nature, culture and cuisine.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Mediterranean region; Adana, Antalya, Mersin, Hatay, Isparta, Burdur, Kahramanmaraş, Osmaniye.

Towns: The most popular towns for you to visit in the Mediterranean: Alanya, Anamur, Belek, Erdemli, Finike, Kalkan, Kas, Kemer, Side, Silifke, Tasucu, Iskenderun, Eğirdir, Yalvac.

Things to Do and See

Mediterranean has an excellent coastline, splendidly warm climate, wide range of natural attractions and unique historical & archeological sites.

As moving through the amazing natural beauties of Mediterranean and its surroundings, you will advance into a higher wellness. As enjoying the tranquility and serenity of Mother Nature, you will merge with your soul. Nestled in paradise, Mediterranean is so inviting with the outdoor activities it offers.

Grasp your camera as walking along an ancient road lined with eye-catching historical ruins. If you want, enjoy the unspoiled bays and beaches in the fully equipped marinas.

Culinary Culture

Mediterranean region of Turkey is bordered by cities that have influenced the cuisine over the years, creating a rich blend of cultures with a Southeastern twist.

Therefore, Mediterranean cuisine consists of a variety of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish dishes.

Delicious flavours are emphasized by the use of olive oil and spices. Desserts and side dishes are also at the heart of Mediterranean culinary culture.

After a day of sightseeing, indulge yourself in a world of tasty wonders.



MARMARA REGION

HOLIDAY FOR FOUR SEASONS

Marmara is a very special region you can enjoy the olive groves, beautiful sea and blue sky. Its relevance in history as well as in the contemporary world marks it as a cannot miss place in the traveler's itinerary.

Marmara Region

Famous for its fruit groves, Marmara is the smallest but most densely populated region of Turkey with a surface area of 67.000 km².

It represents approximately 8,6% of the Turkish national territory and about 30% of its population.

Marmara region of Turkey is a very special geographical area where you can enjoy olive groves, fishing boats and turquoise water.

It is located in the northwest part of Turkey, bridges Asia and Europe. Its relevance in history as well as in the contemporary world, marks it as a must-see place in the traveler's itinerary.

Marmara Cuisine

It is possible to find many local flavours specific to the Marmara region. If you are confident about your palate and are looking for differences, we invite you to explore the refined and wholesome delicacies of Marmara cuisine.

Climate

The Marmara region has a hybrid Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm to hot, humid and moderate dry but winters are cold and wet and sometimes snowy.

Things to Do and See

A typical architectural style and fresh air as sweet as wine complement the pleasant restaurants dotting the shores.

This is a real paradise for holidaymakers thanks to its establishments that are open throughout the year.

The region is also one of the privileged areas in the world with its rich thermal water resources and suitable conditions for health tourism.

Where to go

The world famous city of Istanbul is still standing in all its grandeur, equally mystifying in its natural beauty and historic glory. Other such prominent cities that make it to the traveler's schedule are Bursa and Edirne.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Marmara region; Istanbul, Balikesir, Bursa, Canakkale, Edirne, Tekirdag, Kirlareli, Bilecik, Kocaeli, Sakarya, Yalova.

Towns: The most beautiful towns in the Marmara; Ayvalik, Bozcaada Island, Princes' Islands, Edremit, Geyikli, Gokceada Island, Cunda Island, Gemlik, Burhaniye, Erdek, Ezine, Ayvacik, Sarkoy, Igneada, Kumbag, Vize, Tarakli.



BLACK SEA REGION

CALL OF LUSH GREEN NATURE

With its colourful people, lush green forests, high mountains, beautiful plateaus and deep valleys, Black Sea is one of the most special and geographically rich regions of Turkey and the world.

Black Sea Region

For many years these fertile lands have not received the international attention they deserve, but that is slowly changing as people become aware of traveling opportunities here.

It is time to discover a colourful mosaic of hundreds of years with its beauty, people, nature, cuisine, music and culture. An unforgettable holiday that will keep your interests and adrenaline high.

The colourful population of Black Sea, which is full of humor and deeply dedicated to the earth, is great lover of sea, fish, corn, tea and hazelnut.

Things to Do and See

Situated on Turkey's northern stretch of coast, Black Sea is very attractive region for visitors with its rich flora and fauna, deep forests, idyllic plateaus, crater lakes, mountains, waterfalls, rivers and streams.

Historical structures dating back to centuries, nature walks, rafting and canoeing, winter sports, fishing, grass skiing, healing waters and delicious local dishes; there are many things to do and see in Turkey's Black Sea region.

Where to go

It is time to explore the places in the Black Sea region of Turkey. The streams reaching to endlessness, the lush green plateaus reaching to blue sky, and of course the secret journey to peace and adventure.

A journey through the Black Sea landscape includes series of peaceful beaches along the seashore, quaint fishing villages, hidden coves that snake along the coast, lovely small towns, high mountainous lands, fields of tea, hazelnut, tobacco and corn.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Black Sea region; Artvin, Trabzon, Rize, Samsun, Sinop, Amasya, Giresun, Ordu, Kastamonu, Bartın, Bayburt, Bolu, Corum, Duzce, Gumushane, Karabuk, Tokat, Zonguldak.

Towns: The most beautiful towns in the Black Sea; Amasra, Safranbolu, Akcakoca, Abana, Kerpe, Sile, Savsat, Guzelcehisar, Gerze, Persembek, Tirebolu, Camlihemsin, Ikizdere, Unye, Mudurnu, Goynuk.

Culinary Culture

Undoubtedly, one of the biggest reasons why Turkish cuisine is among the rich cuisines in the world is the flavours that the Black Sea adds to our culture with its different dishes.



CENTRAL ANATOLIA REGION

THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION

Anatolia is full of countless remnants of civilizations. Whatever you go, it seems that you come across the signs of yet another civilization that once dominated Central Anatolia with its own very unique culture and belief system.

Central Anatolia Region

Central Anatolia region is located in the middle of Turkey. It occupies 19% of the total area of country with its 151.000 km² of land. It is Turkey's second largest region.

The lands of Anatolia are full of countless remnants of civilisations that graced these lands for hundreds of years. Whatever corner we turn, it seems that we come across the signs of yet another civilisation that once dominated Central Anatolia region with its own very unique culture and belief system.

Where to go

Looking for a different destination to discover in Turkey? Central Anatolia region is a perfect place for those who want to go to unusual places, to follow the traces of Turkish cuisine and to see the remains of Anatolian civilizations.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Central Anatolia region; Ankara, Eskisehir, Konya, Kayseri, Sivas, Nevsehir, Aksaray, Cankiri, Karaman, Kirikkale, Kirsehir, Nigde, Yozgat.

Towns: The most popular towns of the Central Anatolia: Beypazari, Gudul, Odunpazari, Ermenek, Goreme.

Culinary Culture

Central Anatolia has a unique culinary culture with its kitchen architecture, kitchen utensils, food types, cooking methods, table settings, service procedures and food prepared for the winter.

Things to Do and See

Central Anatolia is a place that has been crossed by countless important actors on the historical stages, figures like Alexander the Great and Tamerlane.

The region is surrounded by the ruins of numerous civilizations from the Hattians to the Hittites, from the Phrygians to the Galatians, from the Romans to the Byzantines, and from the Seljuks to the Ottomans.

Just some of these; Catalhoyuk, a settlement that stretches all the way back to 8000 BC, the remnants of the Hittite capital of Hattusha and Alacahoyuk.

The Tomb of Rumi in Konya, the sacred city where the Mevlana dervishes whirled for divine love and devotion. The grave of Phrygian King Midas near Eskisehir.

Climate

Central Anatolia has a semi-arid continental climate with hot, dry summers and cold, snowy winters. This region of Turkey usually has low precipitation throughout the year.



EASTERN ANATOLIA REGION

ON THE TRAIL OF HISTORY

Marked by some of the most striking examples of culture and architecture, Eastern Anatolia offers visitors a geography worth seeing. The unique historical treasures in the region carry the traces of civilizations.

Eastern Anatolia Region

Eastern Anatolia region is located in the eastern part of Turkey. It is the largest region occupying 21% of the total area of the country.

The sparsely populated Eastern Anatolia region is covered with high mountains. These mountains' average elevation of the peaks is more than 3200 m.

Many of the peaks are extinct volcanoes, with the traces of lava left behind confirming the fact that they have been active in the recent past. The fertile areas and the various river valleys are far away from the any human inhabitation.

The remaining of the Eastern Anatolia comprising the northern rugged highlands referred to as Turkey's Siberia, the craggy mountains and the vast lands of the region are poor to produce any vegetation.

Because of the Eastern Anatolia region is far from the sea, and has high altitude, it has a harsh continental climate with long winters and short summers.

Culinary Culture

The richness of Turkish cuisine can also be seen in the Eastern Anatolia region. It is a cuisine known especially for its meat dishes, soups, cheeses, desserts and variety of dough based dishes.

Since it is a cold region, foods are stored by people living in rural areas by drying and roasting. Animal products are stored in earthenware jars.

Things to Do and See

This region of Turkey has a very high potential in terms of tourism. The remarkable treasures of Eastern Anatolia offer visitors an unforgettable once in a lifetime experience, where ancient stone structures are juxtaposed against towering minarets and age old steeples.

The mix of culture and faith amidst the bustle of a traditional way of life is an inspiration to inhabitants and visitors alike.

Where to go

Eastern Anatolia region is one of the most special areas in our country. The region are full of unique cities and towns everyone must visit.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Eastern Anatolia region; Agri, Erzurum, Erzincan, Kars, Malatya, Tunceli, Van, Ardahan, Bingol, Bitlis, Elazig, Hakkari, Igdir, Mus.

Towns: The most popular towns of the Eastern Anatolia: Kemaliye, Ahlat, Uzundere, Tatvan, Akdamar Island.



SOUTH-EASTERN ANATOLIA REGION

MESOPOTAMIA, BEYOND A LAND

This is Mesopotamia, the place where the story began and continues to endure. Southeastern Anatolia is just like a geography of colours with its natural landscapes straight of postcards, warm people, thousands of years history and culture.

Southeastern Anatolia Region

Southeastern Anatolia region is located in the southeastern part of Turkey. It has an area of 75.358 km² and is the second smallest region in Turkey. The region has long summers are very hot and dry, with high evaporation, winters are cold and rainy.

Where to go

Southeastern Anatolian region, which has a special atmosphere as uniquely different from other regions of the country, has a very rich history and cultural heritage. If you want to enjoy a holiday full of history, mystic life style and a wide variety of opportunities, the Southeastern Anatolia will be the perfect destination for you.

Provinces: The provinces that you can visit in the Southeastern Anatolia region; Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Sanliurfa, Mardin, Adiyaman, Batman, Kilis, Siirt, Sirnak.

Towns: The most popular towns to go: Harran, Halfeti, Hasankeyf, Midyat.

Culinary Culture

Southeastern Anatolia cuisine has a long and deep-rooted legacy that goes way beyond kebab.

It is a colourful region featuring a very rich culinary culture with its extraordinarily delicious dishes and desserts. Wheat and bulgur are the most commonly used ingredients in the Southeastern Anatolia.

In addition, legumes such as chickpea, lentil and rice are widely used. Dairy products and red meat are other important culinary ingredients of the region.

An Eternal Story

An eternal story was written where it all began. We hunted and gathered for thousands of years around the Euphrates and the Tigris.

We humans came together for the first time and built temples. This was the place that we cultivated the soil and we grew wheat for the very first time and we established our first villages beside those fields.

We rode our first caravans here. Civilizations merged here and it was here that cultures flourished. We found our faith here, we built our temples here. We laid the foundations for the sciences here.

We developed together here with countless works of art and diverse cultures, we began to write the saga of civilization here. This is Mesopotamia, the place where the story began and continues to endure.

Things to Do and See

Mesopotamia, the land of firsts, uniques and oldests, awaits for you. This is a unique part of Turkey, and there are so many things to do and see. Come to discover a legendary history, a legendary culture, a legendary nature, legendary tastes and warm people.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES





Wedding & Honeymoon





Health & Wellness





MICE IN TURKEY



GOLF IN TURKEY



WINE TASTING



GREAT WALKS



LEGENDARY BLUE VOYAGES ON THE SEA



HOT AIR BALLOONING



HELI-SKIING



ACTIVE HOLIDAY



SEA, SAND & SUN



BLUE FLAG TURKEY

Discover Turkey and relish the pure azure colour

BLUE FLAG BEACHES

Turkey is proud to be third largest country having number of beaches with blue flag certificates.

The Blue Flag is an international environmental award given to safe, clean beaches from all around the world.

Turkey has 486 beaches in total that awarded with the blue flag certification. You can find a blue flag in most of the coastline in Turkey.



BLUE FLAG MARINAS

Turkey has 22 great marinas in total that qualified with the prestigious blue flag, placing it third among European nations in the number of certified clean marinas, thanks to their quality and safety. The iconic blue flag is a certification given by the Foundation for Environmental Education, indicating that a marina meets its standards.



BLUE FLAG YACHTS

Turkey has 7 boats in total that qualified for the blue flag, growing it among European countries in the number of certified boats.

The blue flag is a certification given by the Foundation for Environmental Education for boat owners & sustainable boating tourism operators.



SUN & BEACH HOLIDAYS

Perfect entertainment with sea, sand and sun.



TURQUOISE COAST

Turkey has one of the longest coastlines of any country along the Mediterranean coast, and the stretching from Cesme to Alanya is bordered by such clear and picturesque waters that it is known as Turkish turquoise coast.



INCREDIBLE BLUE CAVES

Turkey has a plenty of beautiful sea caves. These are the best places where sun, sea and earth combine to create a wonderful spectacle. Discover Turkey's littoral caves, which turn blue when the light hits the water.



NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS

There are numerous spectacular swimming holes you need to see in Turkey. Some of them are extremely popular. With flowing waterfalls, turquoise waters and gorgeous sandstone cliffs, here are 8 of the best natural pools to plunge into in the wild.

NAUTICAL TOURISM

The extensive Turkish turquoise coast is a paradise for lovers of nautical activities.

BLUE VOYAGES ON THE SEA

The blue voyage is a type of sea tourism special to Turkey. You can definitely find a legendary blue voyage tour for yourself out of the options suited to every budget and taste while you are traveling along



BLUE VOYAGE TOURS

In Turkey, there are many blue voyage alternatives depending on your preference, you may experience the beauties of the Aegean and Mediterranean on a boat you can charter. Come and lose yourself in the blue.

BLUE VOYAGE ROUTES

The most popular of the many blue voyage routes in Turkey and legendary voyages on the sea of civilizations. Turkey offers blue cruise opportunities for visitors to explore magical destinations, hidden coves and wonderful ancient cities.



TURKISH CITIES



Amasya

Amasya is a city in northern Turkey and is the capital of Amasya Province, in the Black Sea Region. Tokat from east, Tokat and Yozgat from south, Çorum from west, Samsun from north.

Known as the city of Ottoman princes, Amasya is one of the most precious cities of the Black Sea region of northern Turkey. Amasya is just like an open air museum with its history of 7500 years, extraordinary atmosphere, natural and cultural assets surrounding



Ankara

A symbol of Turkish War of Independence, Ankara is located in the heart of Anatolia, the cradle of countless civilizations.

Explore the capital city of Turkey that holds much political and cultural significance, where many fascinating and remarkable discoveries await you.



Antalya

The paradise on the earth, the pearl of Mediterranean and the Turkish Riviera. As the second most charming city in Turkey, Antalya is one of the world's most popular and most visited tourism destinations, offers you a peerless experience.



Artvin

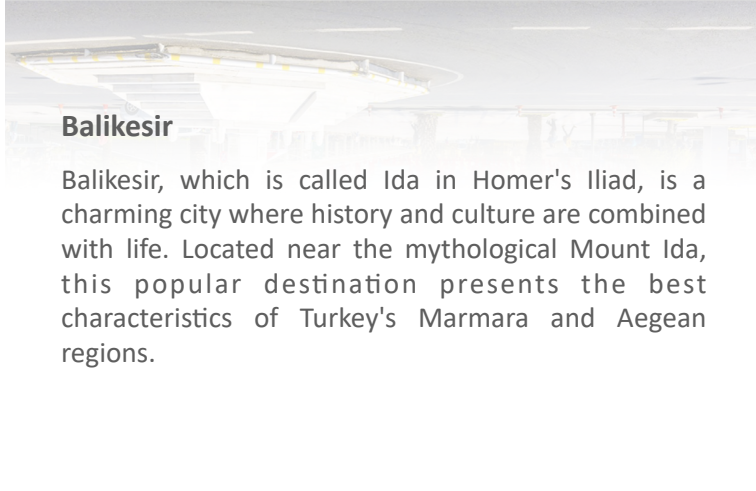
Artvin, which is one of the major and charming cities of the Black Sea region of Turkey, portrays countless shades of green and boasts magnificent natural beauties. Imagine endless landscapes, explore the alpine pastures, breathe in the fresh air, surrender to the flow of nature.





Aydin

One of the most mythological cities in Turkey, Aydin is located on the Menderes Basin of the Aegean region. Aydin, which was described by Herodotus as the most beautiful geography under the sky, hosts millions of visitors each year thanks to its great tourism potential.



Balikesir

Balikesir, which is called Ida in Homer's Iliad, is a charming city where history and culture are combined with life. Located near the mythological Mount Ida, this popular destination presents the best characteristics of Turkey's Marmara and Aegean regions.



Canakkale

One of the loveliest cities in the Marmara region of Turkey, Canakkale is where contemporary history comes back to life. You can lose yourself in the charming ancient ruins or simply spend peaceful moments on the nearby islands. Canakkale is waiting for you.



Edirne

The monumental city of Turkey, Edirne is an old city with a fascinating past as part of the Ottoman Empire. This majestic city is a popular tourist destination for history and culture lovers, along with shopping lovers who frequent the local markets.



Eskisehir

Situated on the banks of Porsuk River, Eskisehir is one of the most visited tourism destinations in Turkey because of its geographical location as an intersection of important routes. The city is the birthplace of poet Yunus Emre and the famous satirist Nasreddin Hodja.



Gaziantep

Gaziantep, which is one of the oldest settlements in Anatolia, is located in Southeastern Anatolia region. Gaziantep, a city whose roots go back more than ten thousands years, that reflects the power of Mesopotamia. The city is where ancient history meets a vibrant culinary culture.

Istanbul

Close your eyes and imagine yourself in a city; the mysticism of the East and the modernity of the West, the constantly time travel between the past and the future, the balance of the traditional and the modern. Istanbul not only joins continents, it also joins cultures and people.



Izmir

Izmir is gloriously situated on the western edge of Turkey. Offering visitors many options for a unique experience, this beautiful city pulls you into a world of picturesque modernity and traditions, with its refreshing touches to the human souls.



Konya

Known as Iconium during classical antiquity, this historical city was the Seljuk capital in the 12th and 13th centuries. Konya, which is the city of hearts and spiritual whirling dervishes, is one of the largest and finest cities among the tourist destinations worth visiting in Turkey.



Mersin

A rising star of the Turkish tourism, Mersin is an important port city spreading out along the Eastern Mediterranean coast of Turkey with its rich cultural heritage, long coastline, turquoise waters, blue flag beaches, natural beauties, great city marina, opera house, skyscrapers and hotels.

Kars

There is an another world in and around Kars. Nothing seems familiar. The gateway of Anatolia to the Caucasus and the shining star of Turkey's Eastern Anatolia region, Kars is founded in a unique geography having the traces of different civilizations.



Mardin

Mardin, which is a timeless city where calls to prayer echo with church bell sounds, is created by the delicate spirit of the mason's hands that gave form to its stones. One of the oldest cities of upper Mesopotamia, Mardin is a truly enchanting and poetic city.



Mugla

One of the most famous destinations in Turkey, Mugla is a lovely Aegean city with its traditional old houses, narrow streets, surprising history, fascinating natural beauties, stunning coves, crystal clear waters, majestic ancient cities and peaceful daily life.



Rize

Anatolia's picturesque, high-pasture and mountainous Northeast region is calling nature lovers. Towering mountains, dense and wildlife packed forests, untouched lakes, roaring waterfalls and innumerable number of treks. Rize is where you will find out superlatives.

Sanliurfa

Imagine a city that offers you great experiences with its unique cultural heritage, including rich history, delicious food and traditional music. Established in northern Mesopotamia, Sanliurfa is one of the indispensable spots for travelers who explore the southeastern part of Turkey.



Seferihisar

Seferihisar, which is the first cittaslow town of Turkey, is located in Izmir province in the Aegean region of Turkey. The town is surrounded by the historical treasures and green nature. Seferihisar, which is a model for calmer and healthier lifestyle, makes you feel the Aegean spirit closer.

CULTURAL SIGHTS



Magnificent Royal Palaces

The palaces were the homes of the Sultan and the imperial family, and the empire was governed from the main palace. When you visit Turkey, don't leave without seeing the gorgeous imperial palaces from the Ottoman, Seljuk and Byzantine period.



Most Impressive Fortified Castles

Turkey has the most famous castles from the Ottomans, Seljuks and Byzantines. Originally made of earth and wood, later castles were built of stone, so many still survive today. Explore the iconic Turkish castles that everyone wants to visit.

Top Historical Monuments

Turkey has one of the richest histories of the world. This vast history has left behind a number of historical monuments to explore and visit. Gelibolu Peninsula Historical National Park, Anitkabir, The Canakkale Martyrs Memorial, Lausanne Monument and Museum & Sakarya Martyrs Monument are five most important monuments.



Most Precious Pavilions

Turkey resembles a jewelry box filled with precious and rare pieces. Pavilions and kiosks have an important place in the history of Turkish architecture. Most of these used today as museums and exhibition halls are from the Ottoman Empire.

RELIGIOUS SIGHTS



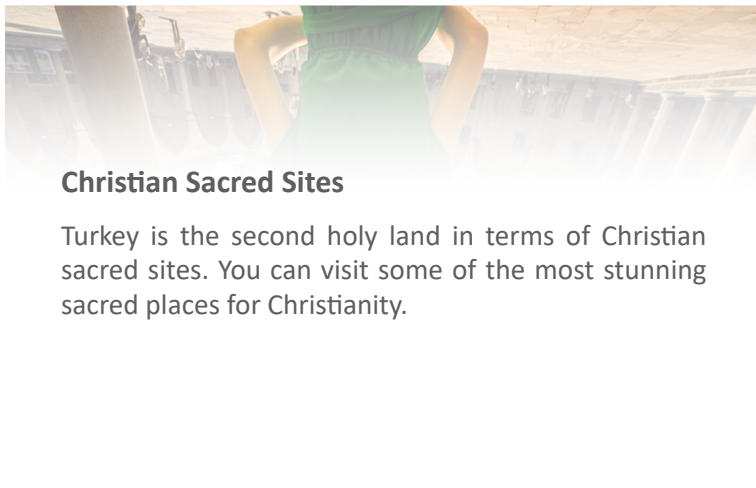
Mevlana and Whirling Dervishes

The order of Mevlevi, better known in the west as the Whirling Dervishes, was founded by the 13th century Sufi mystic, Celaleddin Rumi, who was also known as Mevlana.



Muslim Sacred Sites

Turkey has a rich cultural and religious heritage. When you visit Turkey you will find plenty of Islamic heritage sites and mosques to visit.



Christian Sacred Sites

Turkey is the second holy land in terms of Christian sacred sites. You can visit some of the most stunning sacred places for Christianity.



Jewish Sacred Sites

As well as Turkey's synagogues, you can also visit the archaeological excavations of early Jewish settlements in Turkey.

UNESCO TURKEY



TURKEY'S WORLD HERITAGE WONDERS

Turkey has a total of 18 cultural and natural places inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Explore the wonderful historical tales of the country at the Turkey's world heritage sites.

UNESCO World Heritage Centre

Humanity has added new value to the places it has lived, and left behind masterpieces that carry its culture to the following generations.

To affirm the values accepted as the common heritage of all humanity, and to promote and transfer them to future generations, UNESCO adopted "The Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage" at its 17th General Conference held in Paris in 1972. Turkey ratified the Convention on 14 February 1983.

Turkey in World Heritage

In our country, there are 18 amazing cultural and natural sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

You probably didn't know these sites were in our country. Turkey is a land of world heritage sites and incredible travel opportunities.

Come and explore these natural, archaeological and historic wonders.

Turkey in Cultural Heritage

In 2008, UNESCO established the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage in order to ensure the protection of important intangible cultural heritages worldwide and the awareness of their significance as well as the preservation of traditions in the world.

Turkey with its 18 elements inscribed on UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List is among the top 5 in 178 countries which inscribed more elements than others. What an amazing! Come and see for yourself the traditions and colours.

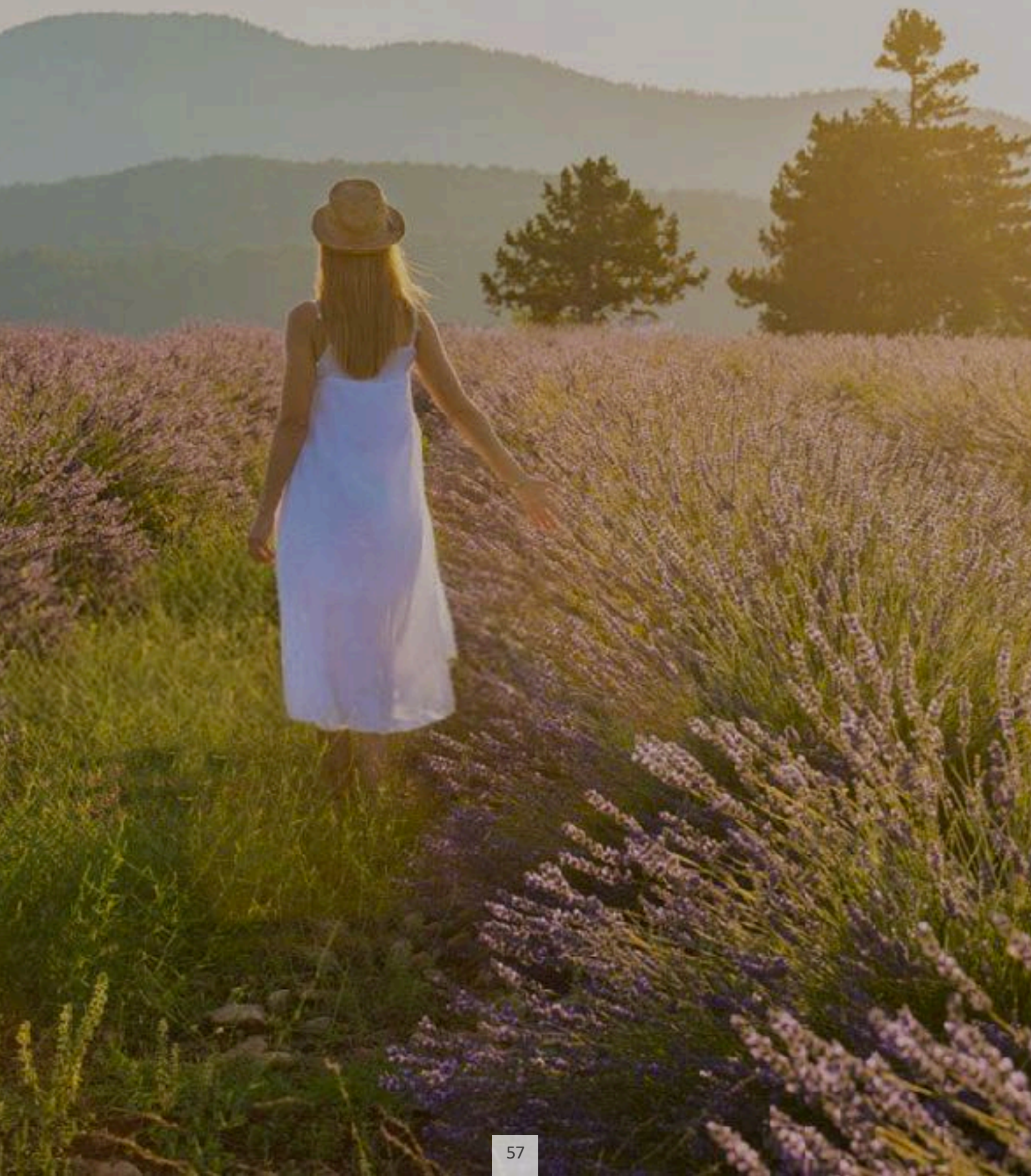
Here are the treasures of Turkey on the UNESCO World Heritage List

- Great Mosque and Hospital of Divrigi, Sivas (1985).
- Goreme National Park and the Rock Sites of Cappadocia, Nevsehir (1985).
- Historic Areas of Istanbul (1985).
- Hattusha: The Hittite Capital, Corum (1986).
- Mount Nemrut, Adiyaman (1987).
- Hierapolis and Pamukkale, Denizli (1988).
- Xanthos, Antalya - Letoon, Mugla (1988).
- City of Safranbolu, Karabuk (1994).
- Archaeological Site of Troy, Canakkale (1998).
- Selimiye Mosque and its Social Complex, Edirne (2011).
- Neolithic Site of Catalhoyuk, Konya (2012).
- Bursa and Cumalikizik: The Birth of The Ottoman Empire (2014).
- Pergamon and its Multilayered Cultural Landscape, Izmir (2014).
- Ephesus, Izmir (2015).
- Diyarbakir Fortress and Hevsel Gardens Cultural Landscape (2015).
- Archaeological Site of Ani, Kars (2016).
- Aphrodisias, Aydin (2017).
- Gobeklitepe, Sanliurfa (2018).

Cultural and Natural Sites

UNESCO, which is the common heritage of humanity and aims to protect universal values, selects and lists the most precious examples of the different cultures, civilizations, religions and historical periods.

NATURE & ECO TOURISM



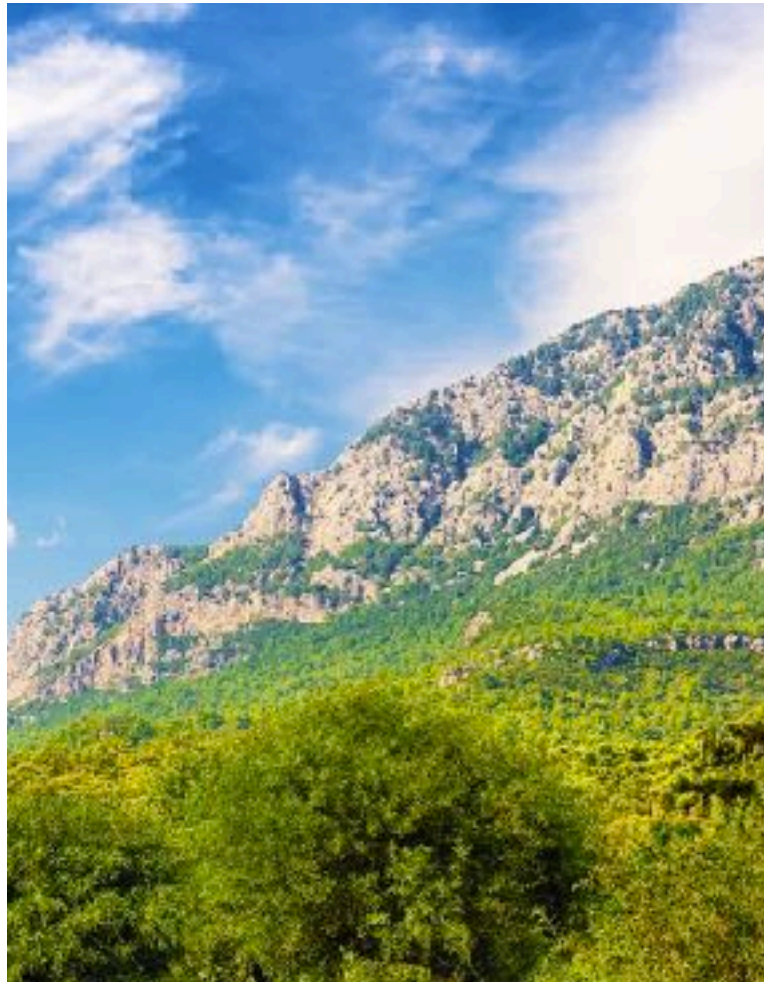
NATIONAL PARKS

National parks are literally defined as natural areas with rare cultural values, and there are 44 picturesque national parks for you to visit in our country.

From underwater wonders to high mountainous areas and ancient historical places, these parks offer a variety of landscapes and a wide range of exciting outdoors experiences to visitors. The national parks are great places to escape from the crowd and stress of the city life.

National parks are particularly important for species that need relatively large & undisturbed areas to survive, such as wild reindeer, predators and birds of prey. Many of these are at great risk from human intervention and some are even threatened with extinction.

Turkey has an international responsibility to look after endangered species and their habitats.



WETLAND HABITATS

Turkey is very rich country in terms of botanical life and the ecological richness. With its 76 registered wetlands, Turkey is one of the richest countries in wetland habitats among the countries in Europe.

Wetland is an area of land that is partly covered with water, or is wet most of the time. Turkey is one the richest countries in terms of wetlands among the countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Because of Turkey is located on the migration path among Europe, Asia and Africa these wetlands have great importance especially for water birds. The wetland that shelters more than 25.000 water birds is categorised as A-level according to IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) criteria.

In our country we have 14 wetlands which are categorised as A-level.



LAKES & RIVERS

A lake is an area filled with water, and a river is a natural flowing watercourse. Turkey is a rich country for its freshwater sources, there are many rivers, lakes, lagoons, reservoirs, creeks and streams around the country.

Anatolian peninsula covers a large area of Turkey, approximately 97% of the total area. It is generally a high plateau covered with several high mountains and mountain ranges especially in the east of the country.

The existence of many valleys and high mountains, snow precipitation and therefore its melting in the spring, and the climate of different regions favour the formation of lakes and rivers.

Most of the water from these rivers are used for the irrigation of the agricultural fields, but most important of all for the hydroelectric energy with several dams built on them.

WATERFALLS

Waterfalls are doubtlessly some of the most glorious and attractive natural formations in Turkey. The waterfalls of the country charm thousands of local and foreign people each year. Come and watch these perfect flows.

Waterfalls are doubtlessly some of the most glorious and attractive natural formations on earth, also a gift from God to the earth, making the land spectacular and enchantingly beautiful.

It could probably be the most pleasant feeling to watch the fall of tons of water from the sharp cliffs meters high deafeningly in soggy clouds. And you may experience more pleasure if you add the glorious mountains that surround the waterfalls and the rainbows to this panorama.

River waterfalls are usually wider compared to their lengths and rich in water volume. Risk of drying in dry seasons for river waterfalls are relatively less when compared to the others and speed of flow generally increases after hard rains.



CANYONS

Canyons or gorges, which are among the most beautiful natural wonders of the earth, are the centers of attraction for many adventure seekers and nature photographers from all around the world. Some of the canyons in the world are suitable for rafting, while some are ideal for trekking.

Did you know that Turkey is a heaven for canyon lovers?

Turkey has many canyons that have been carved out over millions of years by water. With beautifully sculpted walls and waterfalls, these narrow gorges provide a striking setting for a refreshing adventure.

Go to one of Turkey's beautiful canyons, where you can enjoy the wonderful beauty of nature to experience a real adrenaline. Steep, deep and usually pretty remote, pack your passport for a tour of the best canyons in our country.



NATURE RESERVES

In addition to national parks, Turkey has 31 areas that have been specifically preserved in order to protect endangered species of flora and fauna, and some are used for scientific research and educational studies.

All the nature conservation areas in Turkey have been designated according to various biological characteristics.

The main goal of these areas is to protect or restore certain species or habitats that are important on an international, national or regional level. Regular interventions may be required to assure protection.

Other goals include fostering public education and appreciation for species protection and to provide regular interactions with nature for urban residents.

FAMILY FUN



FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Discover Turkey and Family Friendly Attractions.

GIGANTIC AQUARIUMS

Take your children to an aquarium and experience the unique pleasure of swimming with sharks, get to know the underwater animals. Istanbul Aquarium, Sea Life, Antalya Aquarium, Aqua Vega, which are some of the most popular aquariums to visit.



ZOOS & WILDLIFE PARKS

Zoological gardens are the great tourist attractions in the world. Take your children to a zoo, get to know the wildlife of animals. Izmir Wildlife Park, Faruk Yalcin Zoo, Bursa Zoo, Gaziantep Zoo, which are some of the most popular zoos to visit in Turkey.

THEME PARKS

Theme parks offer lots of amusements for all ages and tastes. Play, adventure, history and shopping. Turkey is a popular country with its theme parks, dolphinariums, toy museums, discovery camps and entertaining aqua parks.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Turkey is surrounded by sea on three sides. The Mediterranean in the south, the Aegean in the west, and the Black Sea in the north. The Marmara Sea, in the northwest, includes the Istanbul and Dardanelles Straits and is a territorial water of Turkey.

Turkey, officially known as the Republic of Turkey, is both a European and an Asian country. It's neighbour to the northwest is Bulgaria; Greece to the west; Armenia, Azerbaijan and Iran to the east; Georgia to the northeast; Syria to the south; and Iraq to the southeast.

Currency & Exchange

The domestic currency is Turkish Lira. Foreign currency of all kinds may be exchanged at the airport, banks, most hotels or licensed exchange agencies in large cities. Cash withdrawals can be easily made from the many widespread ATMs via International credit or debit cards.

Language

Turkish is an Altaic but Arabic is a semitic language. Even so there are many words in Turkish taken from Arabic and many words derived by the Arabic rules in Turkish. That doesn't make that words Arabic. Turkish has borrowed a number of words from Arabic.

When to go

Generally, Turkey experiences all four seasons, with summer, spring and autumn serving as the best time to visit the location.

Spring is experienced between March and June. It comes with onset warmth and the blooming of trees and flowers. This is undoubtedly the best time to visit the country for outdoor activities and adventure.

Between July and September, summer kicks in with hot temperatures dominating the area. Most people find it best to visit Turkish monuments and museums in this season. It is also the best time to visit the beach to enjoy the pleasant water temperatures. The streets are usually crowded with tourists during this time of the year.

From October to November, the country experiences autumn. During this season, the trees are fiery red with dry grasses. At the same time, accommodations are very favorable with reasonable discounts.

Winter is the last season which kicks in from December to February. During this time, the sites are not explicit; hence touring is not the best option. The temperature is relatively low with most of the locals retreating to lead a slow, mellow lifestyle.





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